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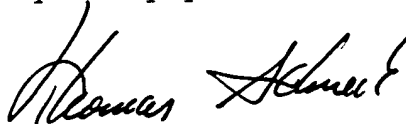
Re: U.S. Patent Application  
Serial No.: 10/559,894  
IA Filing Date: June 3, 2004  
Filed in U.S.: December 6, 2005  
For: UNIFORM CAVITATION FOR PARTICLE REMOVAL  
Our ref: SEZ-022

Dear Jagjit:

By letter dated December 28, 2005 we sent you a copy of the above-identified patent application together with a Declaration and an Assignment for your signature. To this date, however, you have not returned the documents to us for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

We are again sending you a Declaration and an Assignment for this application. Kindly sign and date, and return the documents to us for filing in the PTO. A self-addressed and stamped return envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Thomas Schneck

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|   | <b>First Named Inventor</b>   | Gary W. Ferrell               |
|   | <b>COMPLETE IF KNOWN</b>      |                               |
|   | <b>Application Number</b>     | 10 / 559,894                  |
|   | <b>Filing Date</b>            | June 3, 2004 (IA filing date) |
|   | <b>Group Art Unit</b>         |                               |
|   | <b>Examiner Name</b>          |                               |

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

- - UNIFORM CAVITATION FOR PARTICLE REMOVAL - -

the specification of which (Title of the Invention)

☐ is attached hereto  
OR  
☒ was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) 12/06/2005 (U.S.) as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 10/559,894 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

| U.S. Parent Application or PCT Parent Number | Parent Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | Parent Patent Number (if applicable) |
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| PCT/EP2004/051020                            | 06/03/2004                      |                                      |

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As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following registered practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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☐ Additional registered practitioner(s) named on supplemental Registered Practitioner Information sheet PTO/SB/02C attached hereto.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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| John F.   |                   |       |    | SCHIPPER  |        |             |        |
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| Jagjit S.   |                   |       |    | RATRA   |        |             |        |
| Inventor's Signature                              |                   |       |    |   |        | Date        |        |
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## A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, the undersigned, GARY W. FERRELL, having an address of 5084 La Honda Road, San Gregorio, County of San Mateo, State of California 94074; JOHN F. SCHIPPER, having an address of 3133 Flowers Lane, Palo Alto, County of Santa Clara, State of California 94306; and JAGJIT S. RATRA, having an address of 1454 Inwood Court, Campbell, County of Santa Clara, State of California 95008 (hereinafter termed Assignors) have invented certain new and useful improvements in an invention entitled: UNIFORM CAVITATION FOR PARTICLE REMOVAL, filed in the U.S. on December 6, 2005 and assigned Serial No. 10/559,894;

WHEREAS, SEZ AMERICA, INC., a Delaware corporation, having an address of 4829 South 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85040 (hereinafter termed Assignee) is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and said invention and improvements thereon, and in and to Letters Patent thereon when granted in the United States and foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and for other good and valuable consideration received by said Assignors from said Assignee, the receipt and sufficiency of which in full are hereby acknowledged by said Assignors:

1. Said Assignors do hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto said Assignee, the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and said invention and in and to any and all improvements on said invention heretofore or hereafter made or

acquired by said Assignors; and in and to any and all Letters Patent on said invention and/or said improvements that may be granted in the United States or any foreign country, including each and every Letters Patent granted on any application which is a division, continuation, substitution, renewal, or continuation-in-part of any of said application specifically identified herein, and in and to each and every reissue or extension of said Letters Patent.

2. Said Assignors hereby covenant and agree to cooperate with said Assignee whereby said Assignee may enjoy to the fullest extent the right, title and interest herein conveyed. Such cooperation shall include (a) prompt execution of all papers (prepared at the expense of Assignee) which are deemed necessary or desirable by Assignee to perfect in it the right, title and interest herein conveyed; (b) prompt execution of all petitions, oaths, specifications or other papers (prepared at the expense of Assignee) which are deemed necessary or desirable by Assignee for prosecuting said application, for filing and prosecuting divisional, continuation, substitution, renewal, continuation-in-part, or additional applications in the United States and/or foreign countries covering said invention and/or said improvements, for filing and prosecuting applications for reissuance of Letters Patent included herein, or for interference proceedings involving said invention and/or said improvements; (c) prompt assistance and cooperation in the prosecution of interference proceedings involving said invention and/or said improvements and in the adjudication of said Letters Patent, particularly by the disclosure of facts and the production of evidence relating to said invention and/or said improvements, provided the expenses

which may be incurred by said Assignors in lending such assistance and cooperation shall be paid by the Assignee.

3. The terms, covenants and conditions of this Assignment shall inure to the benefit of said Assignee, its successors, assigns and/or other legal representatives, and shall be binding upon said Assignors, their heirs, legal representatives and assigns.

4. Said Assignors hereby warrant and represent that they have not entered into any assignment, contract or understanding in conflict therewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these said Assignors have executed and delivered this instrument on the dates shown below.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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GARY W. FERRELL

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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JOHN F. SCHIPPER

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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JAGJIT S. RATRA



State of California     )  
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On \_\_\_\_\_, 2006 before me \_\_\_\_\_,  
personally appeared GARY W. FERRELL, personally known to me (or  
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person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and  
acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized  
capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person,  
or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the  
instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)

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